and vitamin A solutions under the Scheme of Prophylaxis against nutritional anemia among mothers and children and Prophylaxis agamst blindness due to Vitamin *K* deficiency. The quantity of these items purchased and the cost thereof durng 1988-89 s annexed. (Se$_e$ Statement below).

(e) and (f) The Report of the Expert Committee is under consideration of the Ministry.

Statement

Item	Quantity	Cost
Iron & Folic Acid—Large	176 Crore tablets	Rs. 1,96,84,442.00
Iron & Folic Acid—Small	238 Crore tablets	Rs. 1,16,02,975.00
Liquid Iron	56 lakhs bottles of 100 ml.	Rs. 1,62,85,348.00
Vitamin 'A' solution	8 lakhs bottles of 100 ml.	Rs. 1,87,86,600.00

Economic Programmes in the Centiai Plan

2189. SHRl SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Mmister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has not approved economic programmes in the Central Plan for 1989-90 foj- th$_e$ shortage of funds;

(b) if so, what were the main Programmes that were being considered by th$_e$ Central Government during 1989-90;

(c) what ig the reaction of the Plan ning Commission in clearing these projects and how many of those have-been cleared so far; and

(d) by when the action plan for its implementation is liely to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTRY OP PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. The economic programmes for various projects under the Central Ministries were discussed in depth and suitable outlays were approved.

(b) and (c) D_0 not arise.

(d) The implementation of action plan for various projects f°r which outlays were approved would take effect from the beginning of the financial year, 1989-90.

Launching of Satellites

1190. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI; Will th$_e$ PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's programme for Launching of Satellites during th$_e$ next thre$_e$ years; and

(b) whether Government hav$_e$ sought foreign assistance, financial of technical in thes$_e$ proposed ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The programme fo$_r$ launching of

satellites during the next three years is given below;—

(i) Launching of INSAT-ID by US Delta Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement.

(ii) Launching of SROSS Satellite by indigenous Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle D-3.

(iii) Launching of Engineering Model of IRS by indigenous Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle D-l.

(iv) Launching of INSAT-II Test Spacecraft-I by Ariane Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement.

(v) Launching of IRS-IB by a Soviet Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement,

(b) No foreign assistance, either financial or technical, has been sought fcr these programmes.

Marketing of Oral Rehydration Salts not conforming to **WHO** Formula

2191. SHRl DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether H is a factJhat certain drug companies are marketing Oral Rehydration Salts not in accordance with WHO formula;

(b) if so, the names of those companies and reasons for the same;

(c) what are the details of the formula prescribed by WHO;

(d) what steRs have been taken by Government to implement the same;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Oral Rehydration Salts are being sold at very high price, and

(f) if so, the reasons thereof and what stePs have been taken by Government in consumers interest?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARl SAROJ KHAFARDE); (a) and (b) Certain manufacturers are marketing Oral Rehydration Salts, the composition of which are not strictly in accordance with World Health Organisation Formula. Non-WHO Formula however is also marketed in developed countries and is official in British Pharmacopoeia '88,

Information received from 60 manufacturers, licensed by State Drug Control Authorities reveals that 48 manufacturers follow WHO' Formula and 12 follow non-WHO[1] formula. Names of the Companies manufacturing Oral Rehydration Salt not in accordance with WHO formula are annexed. (See statement below).

(c) Details of Oral Rehydration Salts, formula prescribed by WHO are as under:—

	grams/liters	
	Formula	Formula
Sodium Chloride	3.5	3.5
Potassium Chloride	1.5	1.5
Sodium Bi-carbonate	2.5	
Sodium Citrate		2.9
Anhydrous Glucose	20.0	20.0

(d) Government allocates monev to States/UTs for buying ORs (WHO Formula) for the Diarrhoeal Disease Control Programme.

(e) and (f) The prices of medicines including Oral Rehydration Salts are monitored by the Bureau of Industrial Cost & Prices under the Ministry of Industry as per the norms laid down under the Drugs Prices Control Order.